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NAIROBI PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG PDEV WA SF

SUBJ: NAMIBIA: SWAPO ATTENDANCE AT SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

REF: USUN 3369

1. WE MET WITH SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MISHEK MUYONGO MORNING
AUGUST 31 TO GIVE HIM A COPY OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT.
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING FOR NEW YORK SATURDAY. SAM
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NUJOMA LEFT LUSAKA AUGUST 29 AND PLANNED TO BE IN NEW YORK ON
SEPTEMBER 1. OTHER SWAPO REPS IN NEW YORK FOR THE SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE NAUYALA AND GURIRAB.

2. WE MENTIONED TO MUYONGO THE NIGERIAN SUGGESTION THAT
THE SC MEETING BE DELAYED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 11. HE IMMEDIATELY
OPPOSED THE SUGGESTION AND SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE

NIGERIAN MOTIVATION. AS FOR SWAPO, IT WANTED TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO SC CONSIDERATION. THIS WOULD BE THE TEST OF WHETHER SOUTH AFRICA WAS SERIOUS ABOUT IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSALS. IT IS IN SWAPO'S INTEREST TO QUICKLY DETERMINE POSITION OF SOUTH ABJICA ON A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. IF IT IS NOT INTERESTED, THEN SWAPO CAN GET ON WITH THE ARMED STRUGGLE.

3. MUYONGO SAID IT WAS NOT THE INTENTION OF SWAPO TO BRING UP DISRUPTIVE ISSUES. SWAPO WOULD NOT RAISE THE FLARE UP AT SESHEKE, BUT HE SPECULATED THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD.

4. HIS REMARKS ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS IN IMPLEMENTING THE

PROPOSALS REFLECTED STANDARD SWAPO DISTRUST OF SOUTH AFRICA. UN HAS TO DOMINATE ELECTORAL COMMISSION OR SOUTH AFRICA WILL RIG THE ELECTIONS AGAINST SWAPO. EVEN IF THERE ARE 7,500 UN TROOPS IN NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA COULD AT SOME POINT ORDER THEM TO LEAVE AND THEN SEIZE THE OCCASION TO ARREST ALL THOSE SWAPO PEOPLE WHO HAVE RETURNED. SOUTH AFRICA WON'T REALLY WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS DOWN TO 1,500 LEVEL. THEY WILL LEAVE TROOPS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES BEHIND. CONTACT GROUP AND UN DON'T KNOW HOW MANY SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS ARE IN NAMIBIA. THEREFORE, NO ONE WILL KNOW WHEN THE 1,500 FIGURE HAS BEEN REACHED. UN CANNOT SURVEY EVERY CORNER OF NAMIBIA; THEREFORE, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT SOUTH AFRICANS WILL NOT USE INTIMIDATION.

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5. AFTER THIS LITANY OF RESERVATIONS, MUYONGO SAID SWAPO ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS AND WAS SURE THAT IT WOULD WIN ANY ELECTION THAT TOOK PLACE.

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